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Dear

During the first year of activity of the Inter-departmental Committee on the Acquisition of Foreign Publications the Department of State furnished a Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 1 of NIA Directive No. 6 dated July 26, 1946, but the Department of State has informed the Committee that due to limitations of funds it is unable to furnish the Committee with an adequate Secretariat. It has become increasingly apparent that the Secretariat to be effective should be staffed with two or three full-time employees--a secretary of perhaps P-5 grade, a professional assistant of perhaps P-2 grade, and a clerk-stenographer.

In discussing this problem, the Committee has come to the conclusion that its principal functions of coordinating the acquisition of foreign publications and the maintenance of collections of foreign publications throughout Federal departments and agencies, are much more closely allied to the functions of the Central Intelligence Agency than to the Department of State. The Committee has therefore directed me to request the National Security Council to amend the last sentence of paragraph 1 of NIA Directive No. 6 to read: "The Central Intelligence Agency will furnish the Secretariat for the Committee," and that in accordance with this amendment the Central Intelligence Agency provide the Committee a full-time Secretariat of the kind described above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Luther H. Evans".

Luther H. Evans
Chairman of the
Inter-departmental Committee on the
Acquisition of Foreign Publications

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REMARKS: SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Committee on the Acquisition of Foreign Publications.

1. In submitting the revised NIA directive for adoption by the National Security Council, ICAPS will propose the elimination of NIA Directive No. 6 which appointed the subject Committee.

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2. There are no provisions in the National Security Act of 1947 for the appointment of committees by the National Security Council. It is believed inappropriate, if indeed acceptable to the Library of Congress, and other agencies represented on the Committee, for the DCI to create ~~xxxx~~ a committee as the advisory committee to him, as it is believed that the committee has not been primarily concerned with the acquisition of foreign publications for intelligence potential.

3. However, until the NSC has approved the elimination of NIA Directive No. 6, it is considered advisable not to stick our necks out by making a definite decision in response to Dr. Evan's request.

4. Attached hereto is a proposed interim reply to Dr. Evans' letter.



Colonel, GSC

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